

**CITY OF SUGAR HILL  
CITY COUNCIL SPECIAL CALLED MEETING MINUTES  
THURSDAY, DECEMBER 19, 4:00 P.M.  
CITY HALL COUNCIL CHAMBERS  
5039 WEST BROAD STREET  
SUGAR HILL, GEORGIA**

**CALL TO ORDER** – by Mayor Hembree. Present were Mayor Brandon Hembree, Mayor Pro Tem Alvin Hicks, Council Members Taylor Anderson, Meg Avery, Joshua Page and Gary Pirkle, City Manager Paul Radford, Assistant City Manager Troy Besseche, City Clerk Jane Whittington, and City Attorney Frank Hartley.

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA** – Council Member Hicks motioned to approve the agenda as written. Council Member Avery seconded the motion. Approved 5-0.

**2025 Proposed Operation & Capital Improvement Budget Ordinance** – City Manager Paul Radford explained the modifications to the budget since it was proposed at the last meeting. They included increases in revenue, eliminating vacant positions, reduced consultants, lowered building upgrades, eliminated new software, reduced Riverlands Authority line item, transfers to capital improvement reduced. The Assistant City Manager updated that the Capital Improvement Budget was reduced by removing the public parking. The pedestrian bridge and the Transco station updates are two big projects for 2025. Council Member Avery asked for clarification that no current employee positions would be eliminated, and the raises were still in the budget. The City Manager responded that is correct.

Council Member Pirkle motioned to approve the budget as presented. Council Member Page seconded the motion. Approved 5-0.

**ADJOURNMENT** – Council Member Anderson motioned to adjourn. Council Member Pirkle seconded the motion. Approved 5-0.

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Brandon Hembree, Mayor

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Jane Whittington, City Clerk